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Dear Pamela Monroe,

As a resident of New Hampshire I hope the SEC will reject Northern Pass. NH has its beauty! That's it. Don't ruin it. Our land is very valuable for farming, tourism, recreation, healthy living, wildlife, and the like. The transmission towers and lines are going to have a horrible effect on the landscape, on the economy, on small businesses that depend on tourists visiting our beautiful area, historic sites, and the environment in New Hampshire. The transmission will not serve our state, as it merely passes through New Hampshire. New England should work together to generate more power here and do it in a way that benefits all the states that contribute to its generation and transmission. Please do not let a Canadian company ruin NH. They don't live in NH, we do. They are looking at the dollars they will gain while we will look at lost business, reduced revenue, lost tourism, and the state will lose tax revenue as a result. Not to mention the jobs that would be lost as business declines.

We own a small business in Franconia NH The north Country always struggles. Life above the notch is tough but we love it because it is peaceful and beautiful. We can make a living here and raise our children here because of the tourists and families who frequent our establishment. We try to employ as many as we can afford as well. The margin of revenue error is slim. One bad month can throw off the year and make it difficult to make it from April to June our slowest months.

I hope the committee will reject this project's certificate to prevent it from harming our state. Look for new and innovative ways to improve power generation and transmission. Encourage lower usage. Test alternative sources of energy. Benefit the towns and states that help produce and transmit that power. And don't leave such a negative and ugly path in your wake. There has to be a better way.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
John Opalinski